My dear Sir!

Your kind letter that I received yesterday has been a great pleasure but in the same time a great reprobation to me. What has caused that? in so long a time have not written to You? Surely: I can not answer that question, only that I have been ashamed not to tell you that I was preparing anything for You and sending back the Salices which You had lent me. I think I have former[ly] told You that we have at Stockholm a Museum of Natural History, viz. for Zoology, Botany, Astronomy, Chemy, Physic and Mineralogy; each of these Departments is kept by its own Custos or professor, three for Zoology but only one for the others. Being thus quite alone for Botany, and the collections much increasing I have very

I am very sorry to hear that it impossible to get anything of Wrights Cuba Collections 1st set. Now - if it is quite impossible to have this set Can I pray You to have me in your memory if any possibility will be opened to have them in any way? - I should be very glad to have, as You propose, the best remaining set of the new series - if I have understood You fully. As soon as I can have these collections I will send You the necessary money for them. But I repeat: generally I have not found it of any utility for our Museum to buy these incomplete collections.

It should be a very great satisfaction for me if I by a new letter from You were informed that You are not angry with me badly as I have behaved myself towards you. Believe me for ever

Your most obliged

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much to do, and can apply myself at scientific work only at intervals. In the last years I also have been travelling very much, sent away by the government; and thus the result has been that my monograph of the Salices has kept me fully engaged these last eight years. But now – I am glad to tell You that the manuscript has been sent to De Candolle it is now two weeks ago, to be printed in the XVI volume of Prodromus. With my family I have taken me some leisure for any months and am living this moment at the shore of the Baltic, bathing, swimming, hunting and stretching myself in the deep grass!

Scarcely I can tell You how happy I feel myself having performed this monography which has caused me so much and endless trouble. I dare not say that I am and the others may be satisfied with what I have done, but I believe ~~that~~ I have done my ~~best~~ best, and very seldom so abundant materials have been conferred upon a monograph from various parts of the world. But in this undertaking I have ~~been~~ learned better than before that our greatest knowledge is that we know very little, and that all science consists not in formed and established principles but in changing, advancing of principles.

The last summer I travelled with my little wife in the highest alps of Lapponia. During three weeks we slept in open air or in the huts of nomadising Laplanders, eating nothing but hard bread and stone-cheese. But I made very good collecting and have prepared now several specimens of a Flora Lapponica exsiccata. Returning to Stockholm I will enclose in a case 1) the portrait of Linnaeus so long ago intended for You and Salix labelled with Your name and 2) the Flora Lapponica exsiccata and 3) several Scandinavian plants for Mess. Eaton and Lapham and 4) Your Salices.

If there is a ship sailing from Stockholm directly for North America the case will be sent with it. If not it will be dispatched via Hamburg that You may have it this autumn.